

BOOK NOTICES

LEONID AVERYANOV, PHILLIP CRIBB, PHAN KE LOC, and NGUYEN TIEN HIEP, watercolours by CAROL WOODIN. 2003. **Slipper Orchids of Vietnam With an Introduction to the Flora of Vietnam.** (ISBN 0-88192-592-6, hbk.). Timber Press, Inc., 133 S.W. Second Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, OR 97204-3527, U.S.A. (Orders: www.timberpress.com, 800-327-5680, 503-227-2878, 503-227-3070 fax). \$49.95, 327 pp., 340 color photos, 28 line drawings, 34 maps, 19 graphs, 7" × 10".

From the inside front dust jacket flap: "This book details the geology, climate and vegetation of Vietnam in all its remarkable diversity. The main text provides comprehensive accounts of the history, nomenclature and relationships of each of the 22 slipper orchid species and natural hybrids found within the country. It also provides the first detailed accounts of their habitats, biology and ecology. On a more urgent note it also highlights the imminent threat of extinction faced by many of them. Further urgent measures are necessary both within Vietnam and abroad to protect what remains." One new section is described: **Paphiopedilum** sect. **Emersonianum** Aver. et P.J. Cribb sect. nov. (p. 131).

GUY and LILIANE GUSMAN. 2002. **The Genus Arisaema: A Monograph for Botanists and Nature Lovers.** (ISBN 0-904144-91-X, hbk.). A.R.Gantner Verlag Kommanditgesellschaft, FL 9491 Ruggel. (Orders: Koeltz Scientific Books, PO Box 1360, D 61453 Königstein, Germany, +49 6174 93720, fax +49 6174 937240, email: koeltz@t-online.de, www.koeltz.com). \$49.95, 438 pp., numerous color photos, line drawings, 6 1/4" × 9 1/2".

From the dust jacket: Since Engler's classification in 1910, this monograph is the first attempt to bring order to the confused state of knowledge about the genus in the whole of its geographical range. It includes descriptions, taxonomy, names and synonyms, critical examinations of the nomenclature, geographic distributions and habitats together with notes on cultivation, providing the most up-to-date account of the genus *Arisaema* available today."

New names and new nomenclatural combinations proposed: Section **Anomala** G. & L. Gusm. sect. nov. (p. 61); Section **Arisaema** G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 95); Section **Lobata** G. & L. Gusm. sect. nov. (p. 215); **Arisaema elephas** var. **handelii** (Stapf ex Hand.-Mazz.) G. & L. Gusm. var. nov. (p. 110); Section **Pedatisecta** subsection **Pistillata** (Engl.) G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 233); Section **Pedatisecta** subsection **Pedatisecta** (Schott) G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 234); Section **Sinarisaema** subsection **Sinarisaema** (Nakai) G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 296); Section **Sinarisaema** subsection **Exappendiculata** (Hara) G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 296); Section **Tortuosa** subsection **Attenuata** (Engl. p.p.) G. & L. Gusm. stat. nov. (p. 365); **Arisaema yunnanense** var. **aridum** (H. Li) G. & L. Gusm. var. nov. (p. 110).